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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of June 2012

Commission File Number 1-13758

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Av. Fontes Pereira de Melo, 40
1069 - 300 Lisboa, Portugal**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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Shareholder remuneration policy for 2012-2014 and extension of refinancing until the end of 2015

Portugal Telecom, SGPS SA (PT) announces that, in light of current macroeconomic environment and financial market conditions, its Board of Directors has decided to adopt a more prudent financial strategy to enhance the Company's financial flexibility through increased debt reduction and extension of debt maturities.

PT announces that the Board of Directors approved, for fiscal years 2012 to 2014, a shareholder remuneration policy comprising of an annual cash dividend of Euro 0.325 per share and a share buy-back programme of Euro 200 million for the three-year period, equivalent to an additional Euro 0.225 per each outstanding share.

The Board of Directors also approved the launch of a Public Bond Subscription Offering in the Portuguese market for the general public, denominated PT Fixed Rate Bonds 2012/2016 . The bonds have four-year term and receive a fixed interest rate of 6.25% (Gross Nominal Annual Rate) per year, to be paid semiannually. The offer size is Euro 250 million, which can be increased by the issuer during the offering period

The Board of Directors remains confident about PT's cash flow generation but a more prudent financial strategy substantially reduces financial risks. The Company is now refinanced until the end of 2015, shall be reducing leverage and shall have more flexibility to continue to invest in the development of its business.

As a result of these measures, PT has maintained its commitment to preserving an attractive shareholder remuneration policy combined with a more prudent deleveraging and debt maturity profile.

Disclaimer

The cash dividend and share buyback proposal is subject to market conditions, PT's financial condition, legal limits regarding the distribution of assets to shareholders, including the necessary shareholder approvals, as applicable, and other factors considered relevant by the Board at the time. Therefore, the necessary authorisations and social deliberations will be proposed in due time as these conditions are verified. The share buyback shall be executed according to the terms and conditions for the acquisition of treasury shares approved at the last Annual General Shareholder's Meeting.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 27, 2012

PORTUGAL TELECOM, SGPS, S.A.

By: */s/ Nuno Vieira*
Nuno Vieira
Investor Relations Director

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